



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

To Love, To Learn and To Serve
Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu

No.4 Thursday 28th March 2019

Tēna koutou katoa. Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

Today, there are just two topics that I want to mention. The first concerns the tragic event that unfolded in Christchurch last Friday. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Muslim community in the wake and aftermath of this devastating terrorist attack. The outpouring of aroha, the call for togetherness, tolerance and compassion will make our nation stronger but sadly it came at a terrible cost.

Across New Zealand, people came together to support and condemn the senseless acts of the gunman. We witnessed numerous public events and we listened to heartfelt tributes by so many people from all walks of life.

As I was away last week, I want to acknowledge our school leadership team and the teachers and support staff for the efforts that they made to support children, lead prayer and reflect on the outcome of one of New Zealand's darkest days.

I also want to say a massive thank you to all of you who so generously donated funds to help support children and families affected by this tragedy. A total of \$1,132 was raised at the mufti day and a further \$580 was raised at the Gala Day collection.

Also, I want to mention the fantastic effort that people made to support our annual school Gala Day. Once again, it was a fabulous day and Mrs Karen Canning, Mrs Anne-Marie Franks, Mrs Kate McKenzie and the amazing Gala team can be justifiably proud of their accomplishment. We all know that there is a significant amount of work involved in running a special event but the work of so many willing people helped make this event the success that it was. Congratulations everyone and thank you again.

*Craig McKernan
Principal*

Measles

On Tuesday, an email alert from our Northland District Health Board was sent out to you. Please read this information.

They say that two doses for the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection. If your child is not immunised or has only received one dose of MMR, they are at higher risk of contracting measles.

We don't have a high risk yet but they suspect cases in Northland soon. Measles is very unpleasant.

Please make yourself familiar with the information they have sent out. Also check for more information on their website – www.northlanddhub.org.nz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining - **focus on gratitude.** Give up pessimism - **become an optimist.**
Give up discouragement - **be full of hope.** Give up bitterness - **turn to forgiveness.**
Give up harsh judgments - **think kind thoughts.**

Classes Attending a Tuesday Mass at 9:00am

If you are able to, you are welcome to come and join your child's class when they attend Mass on a Tuesday morning.

Tuesday Mass 9.00am	Class – Year Level	Tuesday Mass 9.00am	Class – Year Level
Karaka 02 Apr Room 18 Room 17	Yr 5&6 Mrs Bassett Yr 3&4 Whaea Rose	Rimu 09 Apr Room 21 Room 22 Room 23	Yr 2 Whaea Jacqui Yr 5&6 Mrs Hepi Yr 3&4 Mr Werder

Holy Week - School Mass

We will be having a school Mass on Friday 12th April at 1.30pm, in St Francis Xavier Church. It will be a wonderful way of leading us into the Easter season.

As part of our Easter season celebration, the children will be offered a hot cross bun at interval.

If your child has any food allergies or does not want to receive a hot cross bun at interval, please inform your child's teacher.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Save the date!

Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be on Friday 10th May at 1.30pm, in the church. Mothers, please come and join us as we thank God for the wonderful gift of you, our mothers.

Family Masses

Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday 26th May at 10am. Karaka Whanau (Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20) will be participating in the Mass.

Faith Alive

The Family/Whanau book which you can use to support the Religious Education programme, can be accessed by this site www.faithalive.org.nz. You can download the Whanau book by clicking Families.

Yours in Christ
Mrs Maria Wilson
DRS – Director of Religious Studies

Te Kura o Otangarei Performing Arts Festival



Our Tuakana Kapa Haka group represented our school at the Otangarei Performing Arts yesterday. The group have worked very hard over the past four weeks and their performance was a credit to all of their hard work. Ka mau te wehi ... you were amazing!

A big thank you to Matua Shane and Whaea Yvonne for all their work in the school, not only with our senior group but also our year 3 and 4 classes.

Thank
YOU

Congratulations to Lachlan Ross who competed in the Beat Box competition and took out first place. We look forward to seeing many more performances from our Kapa Haka group later on in the school year.



BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Are you interested in baptism for your child or children?

Next term, Fr Chris Martin and Mrs J will be running a programme for children, who are 7 years and older, and are wishing to be baptised into the Catholic Church.

The programme runs here at school from 9am until 9:45am for three Wednesdays in term 2. These dates are the 8th, 15th and 22nd of May.

There is an expectation that at least one parent attends the sessions with the child or children. Once parents have completed the programme, younger siblings can be baptised too. If you have any questions at all about the Sacrament of Baptism, or any of the Sacraments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs J.



SWIMMING

Congratulations to our champion swimmers who competed at the WPSSA Swimming Champs at Whangarei Intermediate on Wednesday 20th March. We took a team of 17 swimmers and they all performed well in their individual events. It was a fantastic day with some impressive results. Swimmers who placed in the top four in their event at the Whangarei champs are eligible to compete at the Northland Swimming Champs in Dargaville on 11 April. Congratulations to Te Rauroha Paki, Kees Tamboer, Lachlan Ross and Keakealani Seve on a marvellous day in the pool.

Te Rauroha Paki

4th - Year 4 Boys 25m Freestyle

4th - Year 4 Boys 25m Breaststroke

Kees Tamboer

1st - Year 5 Boys 50m Backstroke

1st - Year 5 Boys 50m Breaststroke

Lachlan Ross

1st - Year 5 Boys 50m Freestyle

2nd - Year 5 Boys 50m Breaststroke

Keakealani Seve

1st - Year 5 Girls 50m Freestyle

A big thank you to parents and grandparents who assisted with transportation and support for our team on the day.

PTFA NEWS

Good afternoon families,

A heartfelt **thank you** on behalf of the Gala Committee for all your help and support with our special Gala day. To those who gave up their valuable time before and on the day, donated goods and provided sponsorship, we express our gratitude. It was a successful event, enjoyed by all who attended. Our net profit from this year's Gala Day was \$32,604.00. A phenomenal result!

Our next PTFA meeting is also our AGM, on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm in the staffroom. At this meeting our main discussion will be around guest speakers for our annual parent information evening in term 3. We would love to hear your suggestions, so please come along and have your say. If you are a new family to our school, the PTFA is a wonderful way to meet other parents in our school community. We look forward to welcoming you!

God Bless,

Serena Ross - Chairperson

Marist Junior Rugby

We are looking for players to fill the following grades:
Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 13s, 14s,
15s-girls.

For more information contact Chanelle Salmon on ph:021417271 or maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com
or visit www.facebook.com/WhangareiMaristJuniorRugby/



We welcome these new students into our school,

Dylan-Rose Pene

and Katie Allen.



School sandals

Our school uniform footwear for the summer is a black Roman sandal. Unfortunately, feedback from parents is that the quality of these shoes is very poor with sandals breaking soon after purchase.

This is very expensive on families.

For this reason we have decided that the children may wear any flat, black sandal with a back heel strap. The sandals must be plain black, NOT sparkly or coloured. Velcro or buckle fastenings are acceptable. Jandals are not acceptable.



School Timetable

8:45am – 10:25am

Morning session

10:25am – 10.50am

Morning tea

10.50am – 12:30pm

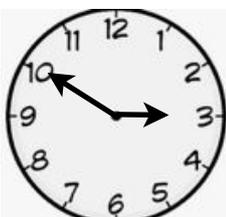
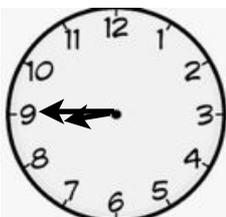
Mid-morning session

12:30pm – 1:20pm

Lunch break

1:20pm – 2:50pm

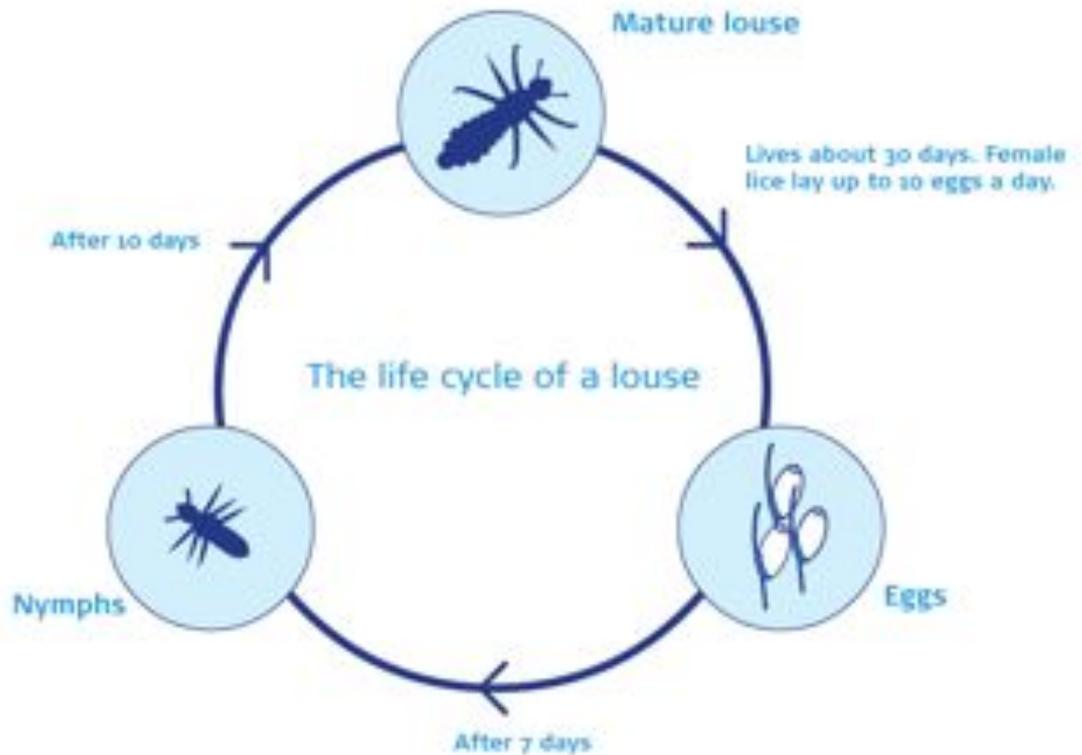
Afternoon session



Please Note:

Morning classes begin at **8:45 am**. It is essential for your child/children to be at school ready to start their learning day before the bell rings.

Classes end at **2.50pm**. **Children should be collected by 3.15pm** unless they are with their parents, attending the After School Care programme or attending sports practice.



Nits/Head Lice and Treatment

These little critters are making their presence felt again. If your child has long, or shoulder length hair, please ensure their hair is tied up. If your child does have nits, please treat them before sending them back to school. Nits spread very quickly and we appreciate your help in keeping our pupils nit free!

Our Public Health Nurse has advised us of a remedy they are recommending for the treatment of nits.

Regular coconut oil mixed with white vinegar will coat the hair strand, making it difficult for lice and eggs to attach, and will heal wounds created by feeding lice.

This mixture can be rubbed through the scalp and hair like a gel or put in a spray bottle and sprayed through hair strands. Quantities depend on hair length so experimentation may be required to get a mixture that suits you.

Regular combing is a MUST for at least a month.

Often it appears that children are reinfected but the incubation period of each egg is seven days (and a mature louse can lay eggs for 30 days) so if you miss a single egg it can hatch into a nymph seven days later and re-infest the hair.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates and times for events are subject to change.
Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

APRIL

2nd	9am	Room 18 & Room 17 attending Mass
2nd		Rooms 12, 20 & 22 are going to Camp
3rd		SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day).
5th	1:30pm	School Assembly
5th		Rooms 12, 20 & 22 are returning from Camp
8th		Rooms 1, 15 & 18 are going to Camp
9th	9am	Rooms 21, 22 & 23 attending Mass
11th		Rooms 1, 15 & 18 are returning from Camp
11th		Northland Swim Champs
12th	1.30pm	Holy Week Mass
12th	2:50pm	Term 1 ends
29th	8.45am	Term 2 begins

MAY

1st	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, session one
8th	9am	Baptism Programme, session one
8th	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, session two
8th	7pm	PTFA AGM - all welcome
8th		SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day).
10th	1.30pm	Mothers Day Liturgy
15th	9am	Baptism Programme, session two
15th	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, session three
22nd	9am	Baptism Programme, session three
22nd	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, session four
24th		African Drumming Show
26th	10am	Family Mass - Karaka Whanau (Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20) will be participating in the Mass.
29th	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, session five

JUNE

3rd		Queen's Birthday Holiday - school closed
5th		SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day).
12th	7pm	PTFA meeting

JULY

3rd	7pm	PTFA meeting
5th	2.50pm	Term 2 ends

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

*HOCKEY NORTHLAND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

When: Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 of April

Where: Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre

Year 3-6: Cost \$20 per child per day. Time: 8.45am to 12pm

Year 7-8: Cost \$25 per child per day. Time: 8.45am to 2pm.

Register: www.northlandhockey.org.nz or the Hockey Northland Facebook page www.facebook.com/hockeynorthland Queries: Email Jena Huntington - participation@northlandhockey.org.nz

*HUANUI COLLEGE APRIL 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – 1 WEEK ONLY!

Science, Agriculture, HC Masterchef, and Arts and Crafts

Years 5 – 7 (approx. age 9 – 12)

9am – 3pm cost is \$40 per child per day (refer to our website www.hc.school.nz)

See our website for full programme details and booking form

<http://bit.ly/holprogapril2019>

328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie - Phone: 09-459-1930

*SPEECH & DRAMA ACADEMY

We are taking enrollments for Speech & Drama classes for ages 7-16. Come find your people and performance prowess! Public Speaking, poetry, pantomime & applause, plus more! Click here for class info <https://enrolmy.com/making-a-scene>

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

How to claim this offer

Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan.

Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Visit www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school for more information and eligibility criteria.

Once your loan is fully drawn down, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

www.asb.co.nz/schoolbanking

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Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019; mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers; Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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